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## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 7, between lines 4-7 of the specification with the following:

A valve 28 is provided for adjusting the pressure of the second gas 24. The resulting mixture of particles of the first gas 22 end-and of contaminant particles 14 is removed by a pump P. The pump P ensures moreover a high mass throughput of the first gas 22.